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WHY DOES THE KINGDOM TARRY?

Mtt.6:10 Thy kingdom come.

INTRO. The vision of dying Israel's prophets.

A. A kingdom of peace and plenty, of liberty and holiness.

No more hunger, no more war.

Wilderness to rejoice, desert to bloom

A new world order.

B. Jesus came. His first message, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand". A gospel of the kingdom which was to fulfill the vision of the prophets, the new world-order ushering in the Golden Age.

His little band of disciples who believed in H.m. Their Lord lived and died and arose and ascended-and still they looked for the coming of the kingdom. One by one passed out and the very last one left wrote, "Even so, ~~Lord~~, come, Lord Jesus."

C. More than 19 centuries have passed, and we still look for the coming of the K. We still long for peace. Holiness is still alien in a world of greed, strife, bitterness, infidelities, great corruptions and enormous sins. The K.ngdom tarries. Why?

I. Because of a false view of the nature of man.

1. It is assumed in so many ways that men are naturally good. Writers and thinkers of every of every description tell us "it is not human nature to do wrong." Change the environment and all will be made right. O.r poor and shameful acting on the stage of life is due to the use of wrong stage properties. The scenery must be changed.